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LABOR AND REST. "Two hands upon the breast, and labor is past." Russian Proverb.

> "Two hands upon the breast, And labor is done; Two pale feet crossed in rest-The race is won;

Two eyes with coin-weights shut, And all tenrs cense. Two lips where grief is mute, And wrath at peace."

So say we oftimes, mourning our lot, God in His kındness answereth not. "Two hands to work addrest Aye for his praise: Two feet that never rest,

Walking Ills ways:

Two eyes that look above Still, through all tears; Two lips that breathe but love, Never mere fears." So try we afterwards, low at our knees: Pardon those erring prayers! Father, hear those

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE VERMONT COUSIN.

A CAPITAL STORY FOR YOUNG LADIES.

bright, and as it was well known that the "It is too provoking, isn't it, that father will insist upon inviting that Yankee cousin the most brilliant of the season, none of the to come and stay at our house and go to school. I don't see, for my part how he came to have such countryfied relations, but since were well filled. Cousin Lucy, simply attired he has I think he might let them stay up among their own green mountains, instead of ornaments and other embellishments with | bringing them down to mortify us in the city which her cousins, for their own sakes, wo'd with their awkward ways and twang." Thus spoke our Miss Julia Acton to her

younger sister Helon, after they had retired to their room one evening, during which the expected arrival of the Vermont cousin had been one theme of conversation.

"I am sure I have more reason to be mortified than you, Julia," answered Helen, "for lk with her to and from school. and of course I cannot conceal from the girls that she is my cousin, and I know they will all ridicule her, and make all manner of fun name of Mr. Meredith Fitz-Henry. This is of her. Brother Ned stopped there last year, time during his day, which begins perhaps at sink if she talks so before the girls."

"Well I think no one has as much reason to dread her coming as I have," answered Julia, "for what do you think Herbert Ferguson will say when he hears that we have such a Yankeefied set of relations; he has such a and has no higher ambition in life than to be wonder if he would desert me altogether, af- He fancied himself a Beau Brummel as to ter she comes to the house, rather than be manners, a Count D'Orsay in point of beauty brought into contact with any thing vulgar, and grace. He may be handsome-we can-He has been more than usually attentive, too not tell-for the immense amount of hair alately, and mamma says he is the greatest bout his face renders it impossible to distincatch in town.

"Well, now, I have heard that Herbert light eyes, and a sharp and very effeminate Ferguson cares only for intellect; that he nose. Occasionally he condescends to smile thinks nothing of looks in comparison."

"I can tell you you are mistaken, Miss'Hel- mass of hair surrounding the lower part of en, if he has no regard for looks, as you say, his face, like lightning from a dark cloud. you ought to know what he said to me, late-ly; but no matter, I won't tell you, I only sets up for a wit, and his silly speeches are wish father wasn't so obstinate, and mamma laughed at, and repeated by sillier young lais quite as much vexed about it as we are: dies, till he is really deluded into the belief why! even the servants will laugh at her I that they are worth repetition. know: Thomas is so excessively genteel." On entering Mr. Acton's parlor Mr. Mere-

"Well, well, it can't be helped. Father dith Fitz-Henry, with his glass fixed in his feels under great obligations to Lucy's father; eye, stared about him with great nonchalance the brothers all agreed that father should be and impudence, till at length his attention sent to college, and the others remained at was attracted by the Vermont cousin, sitting home and worked on the farm and provided so quietly in her corner, utterly unconscious the means of his education, and now he thinks of his observation. he ought to assist them in return. But one "Aht what vision of loveliness and grace that you have your party over before she Miss Laura Wilton, a very young lady enis only a school girl, but I know father will joying her first winter out. insist upon having her in the room, if we have company at home."

"Well thought of, Helen; let's see, I am engaged every night for a week to come; I exquisite. certainly cannot get an evening till the latter part of next week; oh! I am so afraid she will come before that time; it will just spoil all my pleasure, and I expected so much.

The invitations for Miss Julia's party were all sent out, and the extensive preparations were proceeding most swimmingly, when the very day before that on which the party was to be given, a stage laden with trunks drew obligations by giving me an introduction to Helen Acton and Lucy Holmes began up before the door of Mr. Acton's elegant so fair a creature." mansion. From this, in the first place, alighted a stout, sunburnt young farmer, who was Laura in great glee, and then by signs she before those who had Lucy's education under objects of his ambition now is to be able at

claimed Miss Julia, who had been drawn to ty Meredith Fitz-Henry quiz the Vermont life as a sort of ordeal through which it was thirty-two insane hospitals, and the number the window by the bustle; "here is a clod- cousin. hopper of a man cousin come too; this is rather more than we bargained for; I declare," a book of plates at a table near the sola, on reading, trusting to chance or cheating for the she continued, half-crying with vexation, "if which, the introduction having now taken manner in which they should acquit themthat man stays I will pretend I am sick, and place in due form, the perfumed exquisite selves in the class.

stand. He was on his way to Yale college, clous country girl.

nose was slightly inclined to turn up at the wheat now!"

freckles, and you only looked upon it as a face

these draw backs you loved her still, at least

As she was she had come, and now she

mortifying-it was distressing-but there was

The evening of the party proved clear and

but sat in unaffected enjoyment of the new

"The glass of fashion and the mould of form;"

out in time.

no help for it now.

and brilliant scene.

cation of Arthur under his care.

and from what he had heard of the young man, been convinced that to keep him labor- "Yes, sir, I came yesterday," answered ing upon a farm without the advantages of Lucy, very simply.

education, would be to hide under a bushel a A few more questions were asked, to which light which, if trimmed and fed; and suffered Lucy replied in a perfectly lady-like manner, York, her manners and sequired a polish onto shed its beams might shine forth for the thinking all the time that she was convers- ly given by association with people of reillumination of its own and future generations. ing with a very soft-pated coxcomb, but being finement, and even Lilia was proud to intro-And with this expectation he sought and too good natured to let him see how great a gained a willing consent from his elder bro
The ninth was the last. This one asked:

The ninth was the last. This one asked: \$1.50 And with this expectation he sought and too good natured to let him see how great a duce her cousin, Mis Holmes. Lucy's exther, to his proposed plan of taking the edu- site remarked:

As I said before, Arthur was not at all at mount, ain't it"

case among his fine relations, who, with the This wittiesm was followed by such a her gay and fashionible sister Julia. Tho exception of his uncle, took no pains to make giggle that Lucy, casting her eyes quickly inferior in intellect to Lucy, she was still him feel so, and therefore, to Miss Julia's round on the group before her, and seeing far superior to the swerficial young ladies him feel so, and therefore, to Miss Julia's round on the group before her, and sesing great relief, he took his departure that same evening for New Haven.

Cousin Lucy—but I'm afraid you will set alone was intending to make a butt of her down as ugly, if I simply describe her her down as ugly as the look of eager expectation on almost event with whom she associated, she really learn-the with whom she associated, she really learn-t features, and she is such a favorite of mine brightening up at once, she began to take light, trashy works of the day which form

burn hair; Julia called it red, but Julia was came to the city."
not always good natured, and did not adhere "No, dew tell," said the unsuspicious dan-

exceeingily fair ones which easily freckle but ly with much interest.

the most brilliant teeth, and when she spoke "Why, they say it all runs to beard this She wondered, too, that Herbert seemed to or smiled, (and she seldom did one without year, and when that is the case there is lit- love to talk so much to Lucy; but still her the other,) there was a charm about her whole the or no head, and if there is it hasn't any- self-complacency was never in the least disface which made you forget hair and nose, & thing in it."

A few laughed heartily now, who had not laughed before, and Herbert Ferguson, lay-Holmes, who had entered in the junior class True, she had what Julia called a "Yan- ing down his book, fixed his eyes on the Ver- of Yale, ranked as high in his class as his kee twang," and she was not dressed in the mont cousin, as if he expected some amuse- sister did in hers. Deing a young man of height of the latest fashion, but in spite of ment.

The young for fidgeted and turned red, tap- he was determined to snow his uncle that he some people did. There was a great deal ped his little boot with his case, laughed a intended to make the most of the advantamore about Cousin Lucy, too, to call for res- silly laugh, as if he did not know just what to ges he had so kindly farnished him. At the pect and admiration; but this will all come make of the girl, and then said,

theatre and opera with your presence, don't distinguished professership in another colmust appear at the party, and be introduced you?" as the cousin of the Misses Acton. It was

No, Lucy said, she thought not.

doesn't approve of yourgoing to such places." stage two years before, at his uncle's door. "My parents did say they thought I had By ten o'clock the brilliantly lighted rooms places.'

in white cambric, (for she had rejected the Mr. Fitz-Henry's admirers. "Ah!" answered Lucy, "I should have tho't that you were perfectly safe from any danger ly, and, oh dear! I am not dressed; he must

> he keeps me very close." Excessive delight on the part of Mr. Fitz- to summon her to the parlor.

sembled, sauntered in leisurely, as if for a call, with his hat under his arm, and his 'I shouldn't think that would hurt you. We called, slight little cane in his hand, an exquisite of had a very fine one through our place last the first water, rejoicing in the cuphonious fall, and I was perfectly delighted with it.' 'No, dew tell! now what did you see!' ask- How can you be se stupid!'

one of those brilliant youths whose whole ed the dandy. 'Why, I saw a baboon dressed up like a twelve o'clock, is spent lounging in salcons, man, a regular fop, you know, and really,' as she walked up and down the 100m, her baout' and 'dew tell' and I am sure I shall studying the fashions, sauntering up and said she, screwing up her eyes, and looking cheeks flushed with agitation; 'what can he down Broadway, and staring at the ladies, or at Mr. Meredith Fitz-Henry from head to want with Lucy! perhaps he wishes her to driving on the fashionable thoroughfares; & foot, 'really the likeness was so very perfect make interest for him with me, or to ascertain in the evening dressing for public entertain- that I should hardly have been able to tell my sentiments towards him.' ments, and attending them. He aims at being which was which; it was really perfect, dress, cane, eye-glass and all, but I never imagined that one of the first exhibitions I should on times, and yet 10 one came to call her. see on my arrival in New York city would Presently her young brother Harry came horror of everything unrefined, I shouldn't studied and copied as the perfection of dress. be that of a man endeavoring to see how rushing up stairs, having just come from much he could look and act like a baboon.' school.

od the whole thing mightily, called out,

guish any feature, except a pair of great round and then his white teeth gleam through the comfitted young coxcomb who had just begun saw through it all.' to perceive that he was caught in his own Julia had now nore reason to exclaim, trap, muttered something about "another 'Strange! unaccountible!' than ever. Arthengagement," and sneaked off, all that could ur came for his sister, and Herbert Ferguson be seen of his face being of the deepest crim- too, accompanied her home as her affianced

son. From then the Vermont cousin was lover; and thus ended all Miss Julia's hopes quite safe from his attacks; indeed he seem- and expectations. ed so thoroughly uneasy in her presence, that if she even came on the same side of the a few months later, 'you were so afraid to room, which she sometimes did on purpose have Lucy come here lest it should drive to tease him, he always found some excuse Herbert Ferguson from the house? She street with some sort of awe; and hatchments for changing his seat.

to his niece, after the company had retired; and it must have come the harder, because thing I would suggest, Miss Jule, and that is, is that I see before me!" exclaimed he to he is accustomed to nothing but adulation

from our wise young ladies.' 'Well, uncle, all I can say is that he bro't This brilliant speech was greeted with the it on himself; it is very unpleasant for me to feetly civil to that young man (though it have had so much reason to be proud of them stoops to breath the last of ill upon the foreusual titter by the young lady, who was ex- burt the feelings of any one, and I was perceedingly flattered by even this mark of attention from the perfumed and bewhiskered was something of a piece of self-denial to both? talk to such a poor creature,(till I found that "Oh, that is a country cousin of the Acton's it was his aim to hold me up to ridicule as

"From Varmount, is she! ah, well! I sop "I think so, too, Lucy, and I rather think pose I must pay Varmount a little attention; it is the last time any one here will attempt lia lives still in single blessedness. I wonder who will lay me under everlasting to quiz you.'

school together the next term, at one of the immediately followed by a slender girl of a- telegraphed those near her to draw up to the their care, became conviced that in the Verbout sixteen years of age; this latter being sola, as great fun might be expected. Grad-mont young lady they had no ordinary mind elegant and much-talked-of entertainments none other than the much dreaded Vermont ually the crowd thickened in that part of the to deal with. She came really to acquire room, all pretending to be engaged about knowledge, while most of the girls in the "Well, if this isn't a little too much!" ex- something else, but all eager to hear the wit- classes with her, looked upon their school necessary to pass, before they could come out of insane persons in the country is estima-Herbert Ferguson sat quietly looking over young ladies; and spent their time in novel ted at 20,000.

countermand the invitations to my party." | threw himself with his head thrown back, & | Lucy applied herself intensely, and soon Cousin Arthur Holmes proved to be a very his delicate little shining boots thrust out, outstripped all in her classes, and was obli- his party. The contractor's guides were kill- when faint and fluttering, keep its negation diffident youth, and one dinner among such determined to show himself off to his admi- ged to go on with her studies by herself. At ed, and his cattle stolen.

THE BELMONT CHRONICLE. | fine folks as the Acton's was all he could rers, and have some fun out of the unsuspice every examination she was the observed of all observers-excelling in every branch of "Ahem! lately arrived, I believe," said detudy, and taking the first prizes in every epartment; her compositions, in particular, were regarded as mister-pieces, and in short Lucy was the prideof the school.

During the two years of her life in New Helen, who proved under her influence a "Everything's very green up there in Var- very different character from what she would have been, if left only to the guidance of that I could wish her to make a favorable an interest in the conversation and replied: the only reading of a great many of our eduimpression upon my readers from the first .- "Oh, yes, we have green things there, but cated young ladies. Helen was really a ve-Now I cannot deny that Lucy had bright au- I have seen greener ones already since I ry fine girl, and uncommonly attractive and interesting.

During the two years in which Lucy made so closely to the truth as she might. Lucy's 'dy, imitating Lucy's tone of voice; "how's her home at her uncle's, Herbert Ferguson continued to be a constant visitor there, point, and her complexion was one of those "Well, wheat's poor," said Lucy, apparent- and Julia often wondered that he made no declaration. When thinking on the subshe had a pair of the loveliest, laughing, _ "La! is it now, what a pity! what's the mat-deep blue eyes, and the sweetest smile, and ter with it?" | pect, she exclaimed, 'Strange! unaccounta-ble!' many times during these two years. turbed by the thought of Lucy as a rival.

fine principles, as well as splendid intellect, end of two years he gmduated with the high-"Now, I suppose you mean to grace the est honors, and was immediately offered a Who would now recognize in the easy and elegant Arthur Holmes, the diffident "La Now! why not! but perhaps your ma young clod-hopper who alighted from the

Helen and Lacy had graduated too, the better not have my mind distracted by such latter taking all the highest prizes and Heentertainment at the Actons would be one of amusements, especially while I was at school. len coming only second to her; and the next "Well, it is bad for the mind; I found it so day Lucy was to leave for her Vermont invited who could get there remained absent. and my pa had to prohibit my going to such home, when, quite early in the morning, at least early for visitors, as it was not yet 12 Here came a perfect shrick of delight from o'clock, in looking from the window, Julia saw Herbert Ferguson ascending the steps.

'Strange!' said she, 'he never calls so earhave adorned her,) sat alone in one corner of a sofa. She was introduced to very few; she rie?"

did not look in the least neglected, however, 'No my pa won't let me go there citier; her hair. But her hair was are aged and her toilet completed, and no messenger had come

Pulling the bell she called to Thomas, An hour after the other guests were all assembled, sauntered in leisurely, as if for a 'Oh, now,' said Lucy in a patronizing tone, and asked him if Mr. Ferguson had not

> 'Yes. Miss.' Thonas answered. 'And why did yot not call me, Thomas !-

Because, Miss, io asked for Miss Lucy. 'Strange, unaccountable!' exclaimed Julia,

But the minutes went by, and Julia had exclaimed 'Stringe unaccountable!' a doz-

The room now fairly rang with shouts and 'Just like me!' he exclaimed, 'always blunscreams of laughter, and as soon as he could dering in where I an't wanted! What must be heard, Herbert Ferguson, who had enjoy- I do just now but turst into the library, and there sat Mr. Ferguson on the sofa with his Now, Fitz-Henry, you had better beat a arm around cousin Lucy. They tried to retreat as soon as possible, for you are only jump away from each other, and look as if getting deeper into trouble.' And the dis- nothing was going an, but it was no go; I

'Isn't it odd, Jilia,' said Helen one day,

from Vermont; a farmers daughter, excessive- an unsophisticated country girl. I the tit the city. Arthur and Helen went to Eucollege with which he is connected; and Ju-

Mr. Meredith Fiz Henry may still be seen any fine day lounging up or down Broadway, at the hour when ladies "most do least to say that he is an invited guest at the DEAD. of the once ridiculed Vermont Cousin.

O'There are now in the United States

some Camanches and an old contractor and completely does actual, present life, even

MAKING HIMSELF USEFUL.

During the session of 1796-7 a wealthy merchant-in conformity with the custom of the times-gave a dinner party to a few of gentlemen, among whom was a member of Congress of that period. On the appointed day, however, the lady of the house was some. And other pulses go on beating; and other what annoyed at an ear'y hour by the intru- stars to keep step along the sky; and the sion of an old men at the door. Having south wind to ripple the rivers and stir the been met by a servant, le inquired if the leaves of the trees; and little children to them. ing a negative reply, and being furthermore round impassive heaven to be blue as everinformed that he would not be at home for O it is strange, and was once stranger still some three or four hours, the old man said: to me! "Well, being as I am here, I may as well remain until he comes." "Please wait a modeath itself, it would be the chatter, and ashe pleases."

to the servant-that being as he was there who has just lost an only son, call out to he might as well remain until her husband some one to take care the funeral-cake is came. "Well," replied Mrs. T. "If you will made with currants, because she can't bear other gave him a twelve Breutzer piece. stay, just walk through the alley and go carraway seeds: but that I once heard with back to kitchen and take a seat."

peeling potatoes with a right good will." ced to release Mrs. T. from further super- you'd believe me'mvision, she went into her chamber to arrange he would certainly have been one of the first trappings!" if not the first, to make his appearance, knowing that his dinner at home was an

early one. the Virginia M. C. would fail to make his Rhine. A Jew who wished to go to Schal- no replies beyond a knowing shake of the appearance, Mrs. T's memory, which reemed to have proved rather treacherous, became effulgent, and |she acquainted her husband

"I was invited to the kitchen by your wife, and as I came much before your dinner hour, During the first part of the voyage I have been making myself useful."

Mr. T. at once invited and ac-ompanied his wife and guests as the "Hon. Robert Rutherford, of Virginia."

The lady's feelings can be better imagined by the reader than described by the writer; but the ballance of the day passed off pleasantly, saving the lady's abashment resulting from not recognizing the "Virginia Member of Congress."

TRUTH ABOUT DEATH .- The common mode of discoursing on this subject, so interesting to every one of us, is so stilted and over our heads, that we are glad to hear Common Sense have his say about it. Thus sensibly and wisely writes some able man, in an Enlish Review:-

to us in all the mystery of his might and in- ceive a twelve kreutzer piece. exorableness. Every day the newspaper has its obituary; you are well aware that people die in a minute; you have been in the habit of looking up at closed blinds in the has been the cause of his deserting you, to in the great squares have touched you as might 'Why, Lucy, you were rather hard on that be sure, but not fram any dislike to her, or a baronial ruin; a newly-made grave has not poor young man to-night,' said Mr. Acton mortification at being connected with her.' been without a voice and a moral, funerals 'Well, I am sure it is no less strange,, answered Julia, that you are engaged to that same awkward, shy 'man-cousin,' of whom we were both so aslamed two years ago.'

'It only teaches is,' said Helen, not to the same awkward, shy 'man-cousin,' of whom we were both so aslamed two years ago.'

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It only teaches is,' said Helen, not to the same awkward, shy 'man-cousin,' of whom we intercepted your path in the thorough-fares; people have died next deer to you. But even Death next door is Death afar off—a vague distant terror, and not a darkly awful presence—Stand with suspended respiration and fevered temples—stand under the judge too hastily from first appearances.—
Who would have thought we should over have had so much suspended respiration and fevered temples—stand under the very fl apping of his wings, as the inexorable emn shadow in which you stand is deepening Herbert Ferguson and his wife now have and deepening; kneel where the silver cord is one of the most ebgant establishments in snapped, kneel by a pale corpse in the hush of an hour before dawn, with no sounds to be verdant, I assure you," answered the young was only fair to turn his own weapons against rope directly after their marriage, Arthur heard but the sobs of passionate mourners having been sent there on business for the and the ticking of a clock-kazel, and say to God the 'Never more' of a bereaved heart, the 'Help Lord, or I perish!' of a soul that is come into the deep waters: so stand, so kneel, so cry to the Lord of life, and you will know what death is, and what a celestial hope may rise at last luminous and large, objects of his ambition now is to be able at out of the blackness of horror in the world-

A simple child(says Wordsworth)-a simple child That lightly draws its breath, And!feels its life in every limb,

What should it know of death? And it is beautifully said. But I was long. very long past the age of childhood, before I could bring myself to believe in dying. To this day, I can with difficulty only, and Car Late Texas papers report the occur- by a direct mental effort, conceive even of rence of a fight near Fort Belknap between one [dangerously sick as dying-dead! So

out of my sight. That the beautiful flame

touch, should ever go out!-

To dielas To lie in cold obstruction and to rot; This sensible warm motion to become A kneaded clod!

ment," said the servant, " I will call Mrs. idle, pompous cold-bloodedness with which my own ears. And what has put me irto Nothing daunted, the old man obeyed or- this mortuary train of thought is that, my that he knew not bow the trout could be fried ders, and passed through the alley to the door being ajar, I overheard a very sharp rap- in such a way. kitchen, were he found Mrs. T. and the ser- id voice, addressing the ervant thus: -O if vants very busily engaged in preparing din-ner. Supposing him some old man seeking Richards, a dressmaker, lives, somewherea there was no provision for it in the agreeemployment, Mrs. T. was free in calling about here, beros I want her to make me ment, save that he who could not answer the into question his services in her work of preparing dinner, and he was equally willing and ready to render all assistance possible.—

I've only got one gound and bonnet thats

ment, save that he was could be known and filled the agreement by paying that sum on the ninth of his comrades who had asked him the ninth of his comrades who had asked him "Old man," said she "suppose you take the fit to go hout in and besides I know a young to solve it himself, so they laughed heartily bucket, go to the hydrant, and draw us some female thats dead of being disappointed in over their own loss and at the Jew's cunwater." He at once readily compiled with love with my brother Holiver which he was ning. the request. "Old man," again she said, married last week'm and a lock of his air and "suppose you assist us a little in preparing a piece of poetry was found in her workdinner, as we have a dinner party to-day, and box' and her relations is in wand of some are very hurried indeed. Just peel a few hextra mourning, and I've been hunting evrypotatoes if you please." No sooner was the where for Miss Richards, and I feel quite request made than the "old man" got to work | porly myself, becos as I was passing by the eeling potatoes with a right good will." Feathers they took in a little boy as had After all things were sufficiently advan-

"O heavens and earth! Is it possible that her toilet to receive her husband's gues s .- a widow of fourteen days can rattle on in At the proper hour her husband came, in, and this fashion, taking for the starting point of then, one by one, came those who were to her talk the death of him who has lain in her nance, just like nigger; gettin' old, I reckdine with him on that day. In due time all bosom--and all to a stranger on the door arrived but one-Mr. C. Mr. Tophan then step? Is this mourning? 'Nay, then, let the he extended his hand with a genuine Scuthbegan to express his surprise at the absence devil wear black, for I'll have a suit of sables, ern 'How do'ye do, uncle!' The ape claspof the Virginia representative, as he thought -when I am next forced to put on woe- ed the negro's hand and shook it long and

Living by one's wits.

Nine persons sailed from Basle down the ampi, was allowed to come on board and journey with them on condition that he would ape was probably meditating the best way of

the kitchen who had been waiting to see him for the last three or four hours.

Mr. T. immediately repaired to the kitchen to ascertain the "old man's" wants, when loand behold! who should he find but our M. C was a brass button. Notwithstanding this like the passage.

Now it is true, something jingled in the jew's pocket when he struck his hands against it; but the only money there was there in was a twelve kreutzer piece, for the other was a brass button. Notwithstanding this and behold! who should he find but our M. C was a brass button. Notwithstanding this he accepted the offer with gratitude, for he with confused utterance, he exclaimed, 'Why, how came 'you here!" He simply replied,

him into the parlor, and introduced him to for he did not lay it aside—was the object of ville, yet a great deal has been told us from until one spoke out:

the wilderness.

with their permission, would sit down with ings. They have a distinct set of signs and them. Those who could not answer the signals for each ward. To insure greater ef-"It is a great thing, unutterably awful and questions should pay the one who propound- fectiveness they have subdivided their men thrilling-when for the first time in our lives ed them a twelve-kreutzer piece; and those into squads of ten, each with its commanding Death the Conqueror makes himself known who answered them pertinently should re-officer, who makes himself responsible for

ping to divert themselves with the Jew's wit any other purpose. No army in the field,unor stupidity, each once asked at random, der the command of Napoleon or Wellingtons whatever entered his head.

Thus, for example, the first one asked: "How many soft boiled eggs could the gi- an army as noiseless in its hovements as if ant Goliah eat upon an empty stomach?"

All said that it was impossible to answer that question, and each paid his twelve But the Jew said, 'One; for he who has lows: eaten one egg cannot eat a second one on an

twelve breutzers. try you out of the New Testament, and I ures to prevent it, your cellar will be entirely think I shall win my piece. 'Why did the drained." Apostle Paul write the second epistle to the

Corinthians? The Jew said, Because he was not in Corinth, otherwise he would have spoken to them.' between two wine casks. Everything in So he won another twelve kreutzer piece.

ent way. 'Who prolongs his work to as clothes purloined. The thieves had persuagreat a length as possible, and yet completes | ded him to take care of his cellar while they 'The rope maker, if he is industrious,' said

the Jew. In the meanwhile they drew near to a village, and one said to the other, 'That is Bam-

lach. Then the fourth asked In what month do the people of Bamlach eat the least?' The Jew said in February, for that has only twenty-eight days.'

The fifth said, There are two natural brothers, and still only one of them is my uncle. The Jew said: 'The uncle is your father's brother, and your father is not your uncle.' A fish now jumped out of the water, and the sixth asked, 'What fish have their eyes

nearest together!' The Jew said: 'The smallest.'

The seventh asked: 'How can a man ride

which lights up the eye, and glows in the from Basle to Bern in the shade, in the sum mer time when the sun shines! The Jew said: When he comes to a place

where there is no shade, he must dismount

and go on foot.' The eighth asked: 'When a man rides in the winter time from Berne to Basle and has forgotten his gloves, how must be manage so

that his hands shall not freeze." The Jew said: 'He must make fists out of

each man shall receive one, and still one remain in the dish!

The Jew said: 'The last must take the dish with the egg, and can let it lay there as long

But now it came to his turn, and he determined to make a good sweep. After many preliminary compliments he asked, with an air of mischievous friendliness,--

'How can a man fry two trouts in three pans, so that a trout may lay in each pan." No one can answer this, and one after an-

But when the ninth desired that he should answer it himself, he frankly acknowledged

Then it was maintained that this was un-

KEEP DARK .- The appended negro story, copied from a Southern correspondent of the Boston Journal, is worth reading:

"Gen. C- gave his black man, Saw. ney, funds and permission to get a quarter's worth of zoology at a menagerie. Our sable friend soon found himself under the canvass, and brought too, in front of a sedate looking baboon, and eyeing the quadruped closely, soliloquized thus: 'Folks-sure's yer born; feet, hands, and proper bad counte-

cordially; "Sawney then plied his new acquaintance with interrogations as to his name, age, nativity and former occupations, but eliciting head, or a merry twinkling of the eye, (the conduct himself with propriety, and give the captain eighteen kreutzers for his passage.

posed to the American party, says: During the first part of the voyage, the We have taken no pains whatever to obpassengers were very talkative and merry, tain information as to the condition and doand the Jew, with his wallet under his arm- ings of the Sag Nichts societies of Louismuch mith and mockery, as alas is often the sources that we know to be authentic. The case with those of his nation. But as the Louisville Times was very near correct in vessel sailed onward, and passed Thurrington its boast that they number two thousand and Saint Veit, the passengers one after the members. We know many places of their other grew silent and gazed dawn the river, meeting, which are generally in the third stories of houses. They have adopted a sys-"Come, Jew, do you know any pastime that tem of discipline more rigid and stringent will amuse us! Your fathers must have con- and minute than any ever before heard of in trived many a one during their long stay in the annals of party conflict. They admit no man to their assemblages till he has assu-'Now is the time,' thought the Jew, 'to med obligations of the ctmost solemnity .-shear my sheep!' And he proposed that they They have their pass words, signs and sigshould sit round in a circle, and propound ve- nale, everything in fine for which they have ry curious questions to each other, and he, so ferociously denounced the Know-Noth-

the forthcoming of its individua! squad when-The proposal pleased the company, and ho- ever its services are required for voting or was ever more thoroughly drilled than this secret army of Sag Nichts now in fur midst, it were a host of phantoms.

> INGERIOUS RASCALITY .- A wine merchant in Paris recently received a note as fol-

"Sin-For some time you have been robempty stomach." And the other paid him bed, at retail, we have now resolved to rob you by wholesale, I hereby notify you that, The second thought, wait Jew, and I will to morrow night, should you not adopt meas-

"Sacre!" cried the merchant, and he loaded his pistols, and at the appointed night descended into the cellar, and seated himself the cellar remained safe, but on returning When the third saw the Jew was so well home in the morning, he found every room in versed in the Bible, he tried him in a differ- his house rifled, and all his plate, money, and should rob his house.

> "There was Mrs. F: So very deaf

She might have worn a percussion cap. And been knocked on the head without hearing it snap."

Hood says this. But the pediar sold her an 'ear trumpet,' says the legend, "And the very next day
She heard from her husband at Ectany Bay." We believe it was the very same old lady

-at all events it was one equally deal, for the story says: "She was deaf as a stone-say one of the stone Demosthenes sucked to improve his tones;

And surely deafness no further could reach, Than to be in his mouth without hearing

speech !